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December 4th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3716.WL.NI 1ACOORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONNEW METALS ETC. WATCH LIST ITEM NO. 129th October, 25th and 30th November, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.5, 3716.00/1, New Watch List Item No. 1/W.P.1.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegation proposed that a new item be added to List IV, reading as follows;

"Molybdenum alloys n.e.s, ores, concentrates, oxides and scrap."

2. The UNITED STATES Delegation, in justifying its proposal, cited advances made in pure and alloyed forms, new requirements and military developments. They said that new developments could create a supply problem for the West; they referred to the advantage of obtaining an early knowledge of any drain of this material towards the Bloc both in this connection and as an indicator of Bloc technical advancement in molybdenum metallurgy. In further justification of the United States proposal, the United States Delegation said that their authorities anticipated an over-all increase in the strategic utilization of molybdenum alloys.

3. The ITALIAN Delegate confirmed his acceptance of the United States proposal, given in the Coordinating Committee on the 29th October.

4. The FRENCH, JAPANESE and NETHERLANDS Delegates said that they could accept this proposal if the majority were in favour.

5. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that his authorities saw no reason to add this item to the Watch List. The major uses for the products concerned were civilian and, in the United Kingdom view, were likely to remain so. Alloys containing 60% or more molybdenum were controlled under Item 1658, while Item 1635 caught certain other alloys containing some molybdenum. The United Kingdom authorities were not prepared to resume export licensing control over further types, and would therefore be unable to obtain the statistical information called for by the List IV procedure.

6. The GERMAN Delegate said that his authorities would also be unable to provide statistics for molybdenum alloys not on List I. He suggested that the words "alloys, n.e.s." should be deleted from the proposed text. It would then read:

"Molybdenum ores, concentrates, oxides and scrap."

His Delegation would accept this wording. He pointed out, nevertheless, that these products had been deleted from the International List in 1958 because they were not in short supply in the Bloc. His own authorities, in fact, had great difficulty in preventing their import from the Bloc in too great quantities.

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7. On the 30th November the BELGIAN Delegate stated that his authorities were not in favour of the United States proposal.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had not been reached on the proposed new item, and agreed to resume its study during the second round of discussion.

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